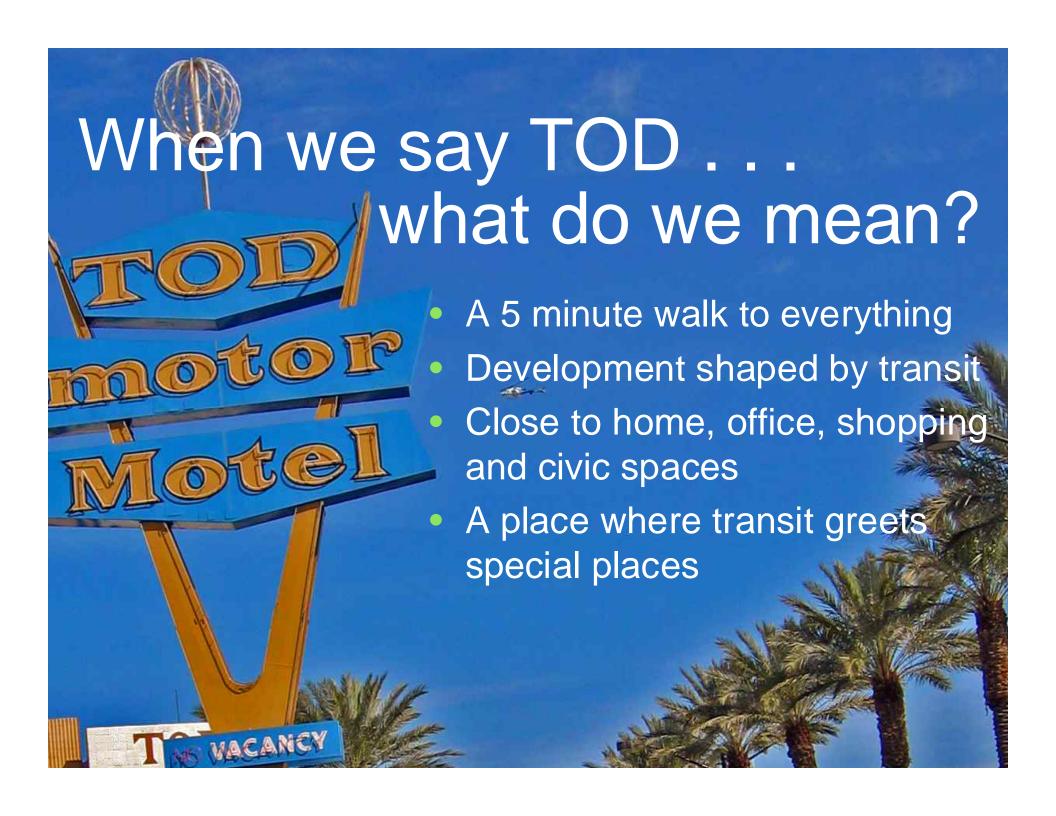
# Making TOD Work in Boston Applying US Best Practice

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#### Transit-Oriented Development

#### **Orenco Station**

Fundamentals
for TOD
. . . a great neighborhood

- Safe streets
- Strong center
- Local services
- Parks & open space
- Housing choices
- Good jobs







## Planning matters

#### **Keys To TOD Success**

- Get the planning right
- Apply the power of partnerships
- Plan a district, not a few parcels
- Market driven, not transit driven TOD
- Design for the pedestrian









Tysons Corner Comprehensive Plan, VA

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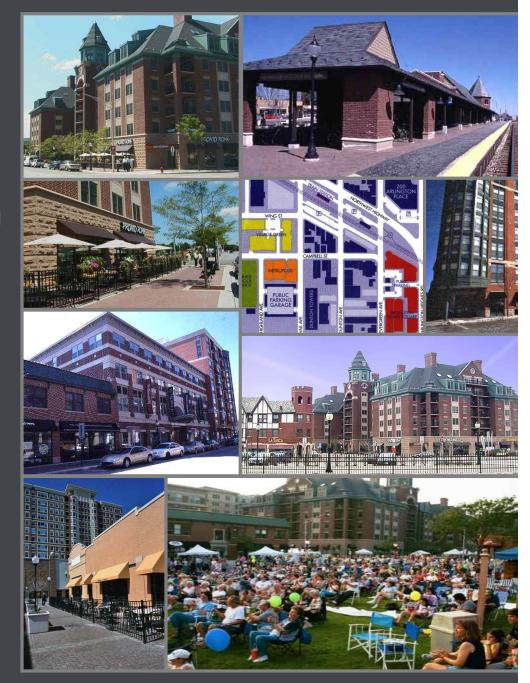
TOD as "means to an end" to achieving community objectives

- Part of community's vision for growth
- Basis to gain greater broader support & success
- More than transit
- Building partnerships essential



#### Arlington Heights IL.

- Revitalized Downtown
- New Metra Station
- Performing Arts Ctr
- Structured Parking
- Main street retail
- High Density Condo's
  - Retail below
  - Selling Chicago in the suburbs



## Make it legal

#### Eastside Village Plano TX

Station and TOD linked by a plaza

- City assembled3.6 site & issued RFP
- Up zoned to 100 DU acre, 234 units
- 5 levels of parking
- \$17.7m project\$2m public investment

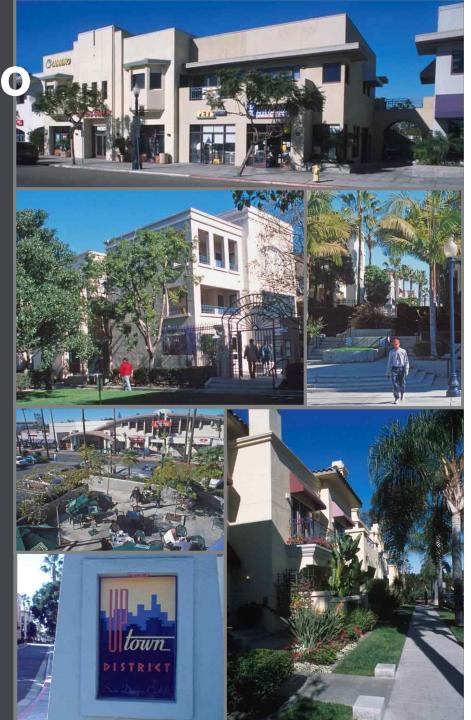
#### TOD works at many scales

### TOD Typology: a range of scales for successful TOD



Uptown San Diego

- Former Sears store
- 14 acre Bus TOD
- 318 units / 42 DU acre
- 145k grocery store / main street retail /office
- City owned site



#### Tysons Corner, Virginia

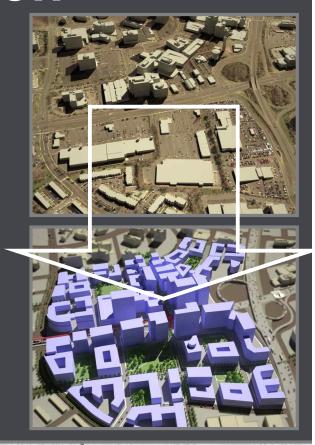
- The original "edge city"
  - Equivalent of 12<sup>th</sup> largest US downtown
- Sprawl on steroids
  - 44m sq ft development 120,000 jobs
  - 40m sq ft parking

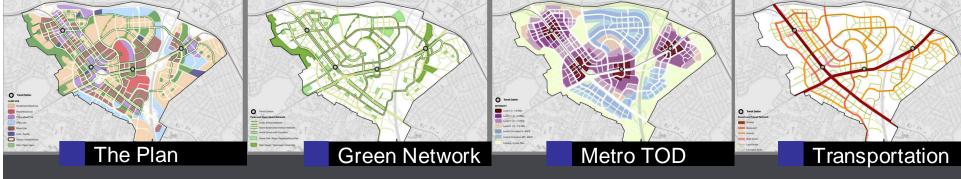
From suburban apocalypse to an active vital place?



#### **Suburban Transformation**

- Unlocking growth w/ transit
- 95% growth near transit
- +80,000 jobs +100,000 residents
- Indicative numbers:
  - 160% more growth
  - 11% more congestion

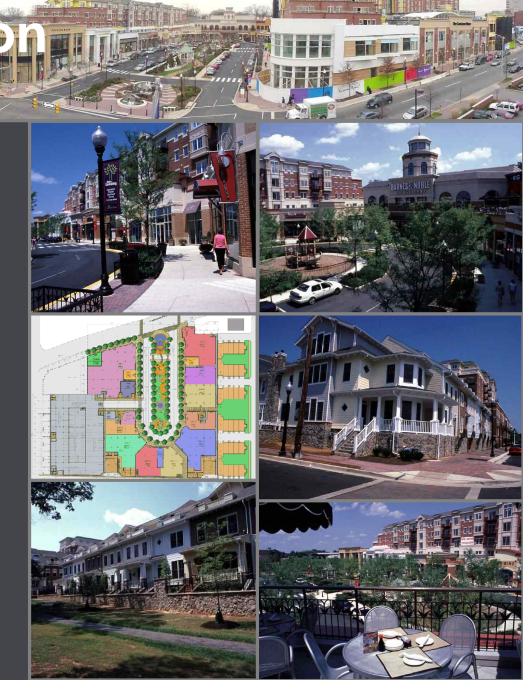




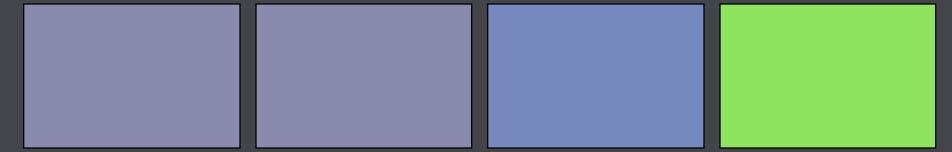
#### Follow market fundamentals

#### Market Common Clarendon, VA

- US Best practice
  - 240k retail
  - 100k office
  - 300 apartments
  - -87 townhomes
- Opened in Nov '01
  - 100% leased
- Worked closely with neighborhoods



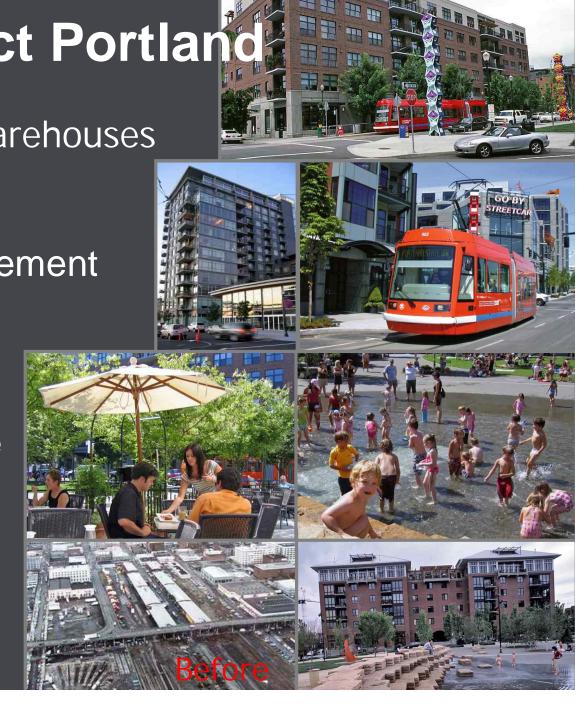
#### Plan a district



Pearl District Portland

Former rail yard & warehouses

- Public & private development agreement
  - Housing
  - Infrastructure
  - Parks
- Development since 1997 \$750m+
- 2700+ units built
- 131 units per acre minimum density



# Right size parking

#### **TODs create less traffic**

- TOD residents are:
  - Twice as likely not to own a car as US Households
  - 5 times more likely to commute by transit than others in region
- Self-selection:
  - Responsible for up to 40% of TOD ridership bonus

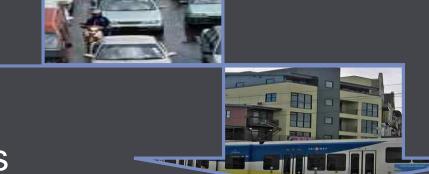




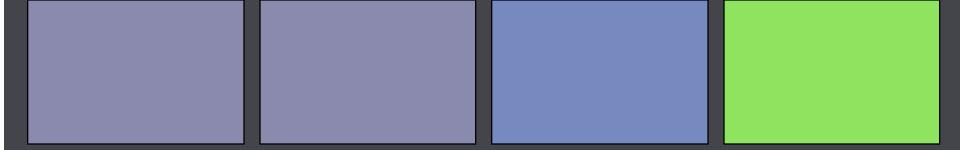
### TOD housing generates 50% less traffic than conventional housing

ITE Trip Manual 6.67 trips per unit

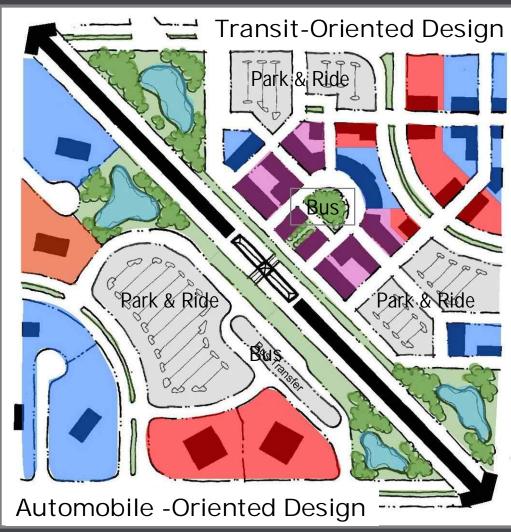
Detailed counts of 17 residential TODs 3.55 trips per unit



#### Transform transit



### Auto or Development Oriented?



- Both designs:
  - Same land uses
  - Same transit
    Rail station
    800 Park & Ride
    12 Bus Transfer
  - Same cost
- One encourages
   TOD at the station
- One separates the station from the community

#### Retrofitting Conventional Design

- Transit designed around the car
- 3,072 surface parking spaces
- Station opened in 2001
- Design precludes TOD
- Designated a Metropolitan Center
- Retrofit plan for station
  - All transit functions
  - Plus TOD



#### Take home lesson

#### **5 Act TOD Morality Play**

 Vision: adopt citizen driven transit village plan

2. Optimism: TOD supportive developer plan

3. Opposition: citizens oppose density / trips

- Compromise: lower density / more parking
- 5. The Lesson: result is fewer TOD benefits / lower developer return pb placemaking

Old Towne TOD Plan Arvada, Colorado





